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Progress report by the Director-General

1. In resolution GC.7/Res.12 the General Conference took note of the ending of the Institutional Agreement between the Government of Italy and UNIDO regarding the International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS). The Conference requested the Director-General to initiate consultations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Government of Italy in order to continue the ongoing activities and projects as well as approved pipeline projects and to develop future cooperation in the field of industrial technology, in accordance with the Business Plan. The Conference also requested the Director-General to present a progress report on these consultations to the Board at its nineteenth session.

2. Subsequently, the ICS Steering Committee was convened to approve the ICS work programme and budget. In finalizing those documents, account was taken of comments contributed by a UNESCO representative invited as an observer to the Steering Committee.

3. A dialogue with UNESCO is expected to proceed upon receipt of a reply to the UNIDO initiative to commence consultations. At the suggestion of UNIDO, UNESCO is expected to designate a counterpart with whom possible areas of cooperation in the field of industrial technology, in accordance with the UNIDO Business Plan, will be explored.

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